

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: P. ERDMANN et al.

Confirmation No.: 7310

Application No.: 09/450,217

Group Art Unit: 1653

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Examiner: D. Lukton

PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF

LACTIC RAW MATERIAL

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-296

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2003, be extended for a period of three (3) month from May 7, 2003 to and including August 7, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$920.00. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 501-814. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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